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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Diſſolving this preſent Parliament, and Declaring the Speedy Calling another.

ANNE R.

WHereas *We have thought fit, for divers Important and Weighty Conſiderations, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Diſſolve this preſent Parliament, which now ſtands Prorogued to* Tueſday *the Seventh Day of* July *Inſtant; We do for that end Publiſh this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby Diſſolve the ſaid Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeſſes of the ſaid Parliament are Diſcharged from their Meeting on* Tueſday *the ſaid Seventh Day of* July *Inſtant.*

And We being Reſolved to Meet Our People, and have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our Loving Subjects, That We do Intend to give Directions to the Keeper of Our Great Seal, for the Iſſuing out of Writs in due Form of Law, for the Calling a New Parliament, which ſhall Begin and be Holden at Weſtminſter, *on the Twentieth Day of* Auguſt *next.*

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Second Day of *July*, 1702. In the Firſt Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Edinburgh, June 30. The following Letter from the Parliament to Her Majeſty, in anſwer to Her Majeſty's moſt Gracious Letter to them at the opening of this Seſſion of Parliament, was read and approved the 18th Inſtant, and has accordingly been tranſmitted to Her Majeſty.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

YOUR *Majeſty's moſt Gracious Letter was received and accepted by us in this our firſt Meeting, after the Death of our late Glorious Sovereign, as a high and moſt ſeaſonable Favour.*

The late King William, *of ever bleſſed Memory, by his Acceſſion to the Throne, delivered us from imminent Ruine, and under his Royal Government we for many Years enjoyed ſuch a happy Settlement, as in the times of War, as well as of Peace, gave us the quiet and full Poſſeſſion of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, and all that could be dear to us.*

But when ſo great a loſs did fill us with Sorrow and Fears, Your Majeſty's Succeſſion, by undoubted Right, to the Crown of Your many Royal Anceſtors, under whoſe Scepter this Your Ancient Kingdom hath ſo long Flouriſhed, was the only Comfort whereof we were capable.

Your Majeſty's firm Conſtancy in the true Proteſtant Religion, is the great Satisfaction of all its Well-wiſhers; and You have, at Your Entry to the Royal Government, ſhewed that Care and Concern for the Intereſt and Proſperity of Your Kingdoms, and for the Liberty of Europe, *as have every where revived with a new Vigour whatever during the Life of the late King was projected for theſe great Ends.*

It is our Misfortune that we are at this time deprived of Your Royal Preſence; but Your Majeſty doth ſo fully make up this Diſadvantage by the benign Influences of Your Royal Favour, in giving us ſo full Aſſurances of Your firm Reſolution to protect our Religion, Liberties and Laws, particularly the Presbyterian Government as now Eſtabliſhed, as gives us only ground to regret, that by this neceſſary diſtance, we ſhould be hinder'd to expreſs in Your own Preſence our moſt Cordial and Dutiful Acknowledgments.

It pleaſed the late King to continue us during his Reign as the Parliament and Repreſentative of his People, and there could be nothing more for our Honour, and we hope for Your Majeſty's Service, and the Kingdom's Satisfation, than that You have been pleaſed to call us together at this time, and ſo Graciouſly to ſignify by us Your good Mind to all your Subjects.

We have moſt heartily and unanimouſly embraced this Opportunity to Recognize Your Majeſty's juſt Right and Title, and to Congratulate Your Entry to the Royal Government, and withal to offer our beſt Endeavours to maintain Your Majeſty's Authority to the utmoſt of our Power.

At our firſt meeting, ſome of our number not waiting to hear Your Majeſty's Commiſſion or Gracious Letter read, did, without Regard to Your Majeſty's Authority, and to the Authority and Dignity of Parliament, withdraw and remove themſelves from their Attendance, and from concurring, as in Duty obliged, to Recognize Your Majeſty's Right and Succeſſion, or aſſiſting in what appears ſo neceſſary at this time for the Defence of the Proteſtant Religion, and the preſerving and ſecuring the Peace and Safety of the Kingdom; But leaving this to Your Royal Conſideration, we ſhall only aſſure Your Majeſty, That this their Groundleſs Seceſſion ſhall encreaſe and ſtrengthen our Care and Zeal for Your Majeſty's Service, and what You have been pleaſed to recommend to us.

The growing Power and unbounded Ambition of the French *King and his moſt Injurious Owning the Pretended Prince of* Wales *as King of this and Your Majeſty's other Dominions, having engaged Your Majeſty in a juſt and neceſſary War, we ſhould be wanting to our ſelves, as well as to Your Majeſty's Care for our Preſervation, if we did not provide Supplies for our own Defence and Security.*

The Union of the Two Kingdoms of Scotland *and* England *hath been long deſired by all good Men, and the late King, at his firſt Acceſſion to the Government; and we, when convened as a Meeting of the Eſtates of the Kingdom, did judge it one of the beſt Means for procuring the Happineſs and ſettling the Peace of theſe Nations, and therefore we are reſolved to proſecute Your Majeſty's Recommendation, and the Advancement already made by the Parliament of* England, *with ſuch a ſuitable Return as may beſt contribute to accompliſh this great Deſign to Your Majeſty's Satisfaction and Glory.*

We take it for a ſingular Mark of Your Royal Favour, and a very promiſing Encouragement to all our Proceedings, That Your Majeſty hath been pleaſed to appoint James *Duke of* Queensberry *to be Your Commiſſioner, to repreſent your Royal Perſon in this Seſſion of Parliament: We have been already Witneſſes of his great Sufficiency, Faithfulneſs, and Zeal in the Diſcharge of this high Truſt; and we aſſure Your Majeſty, That, next to your Royal Perſon, he is to us moſt acceptable. Being therefore fully convinced, That all that Your Majeſty demands or expects from us is our own Security and Happineſs, and that You give us all the Encouragements for theſe ends that we can poſſibly deſire; we doubt not but that all Matters ſhall be ſo manadged and concluded in this Seſſion of Parliament, as may be moſt for the Advancement of Your Majeſty's Service, and the Peace and Welfare of the Kingdom.*

Signed in Preſence, by Warrant, and in the Name of the Eſtates of Parliament, by,

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt humble, moſt obedient, and moſt faithful Subject and Servant,

Marchmont, Cancellar. ipd. Par.

Edinburgh, June 18. 1702.

The 19th, An Act for a Supply of Ten Months and half's Ceſs upon Land-Rents, received the Royal Aſſent. The 23d, Her Majeſty's moſt Gracious Letter to the Parliament, which follows, was read, and ordered to be printed.

Her Majeſty's moſt Gracious Letter to the Parliament of *Scotland*.

ANNE R.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

BEing informed that at your Firſt Meeting, by Vertue and Warrant of the Seventeenth Act of the Sixth Seſſion of this current Parliament, and of Our Proclamation of Adjournment agreable thereto, ſeveral Members of Parliament, after Prayers ſaid, and declining to wait the Reading of Our Commiſſion granted to James Duke of Queensberry, Repreſenting Our Royal Perſon in this Meeting of Parliament, did Preſume to Declare openly, That they did not Conceive themſelves Warranted to Meet and Act in this preſent Seſſion of Parliament; and therefore Diſſented from any Thing ſhould be done or acted therein: And thereupon did take Inſtruments, and withdrew, and removed from their Attendance. We have thought fit to Signify to you Our juſt Reſentment of this Irregular and Unuſual Proceeding, and Our Reſolution to Own and Maintain this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, and the Dignity and Authority of the ſame, and of Our High

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